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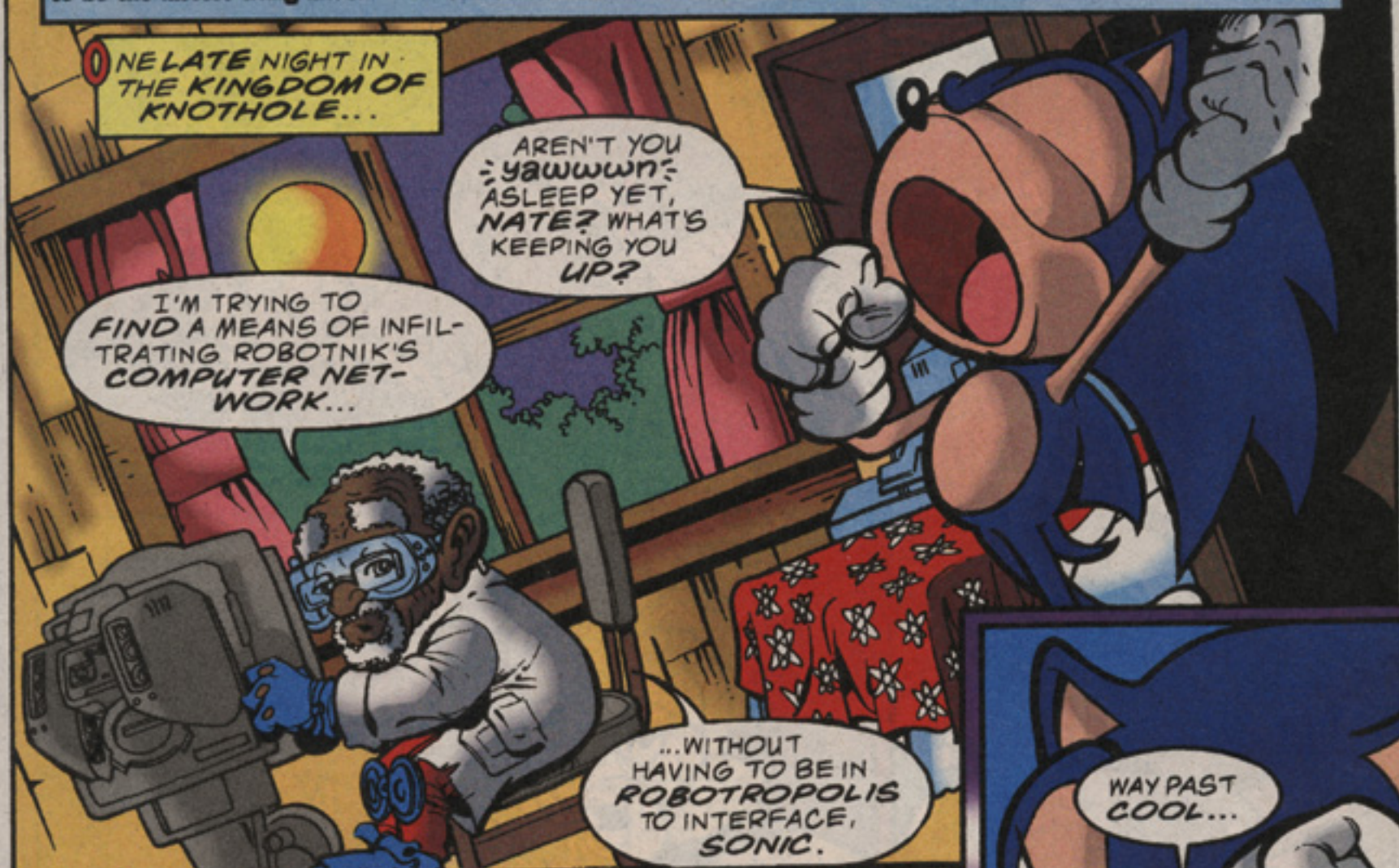
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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his smelly factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! **ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!**



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MINUTES
LATER...

ARE YOU
CERTAIN,
SONIC?

HE'LL WANNA
KNOW ABOUT THIS
PRONTO, NATE...



...AND THERE
HE IS! KING MAX!
YOUR HIGHNESS!
SIRE!

Oh? SIR
SONIC...?



IT'S ALL RIGHT,
MEN... TAKE A BREAK.
I'LL REQUIRE A MOMENT
OR TWO.

WHAT IS
IT, LAD?



TROUBLE--I THINK!
NATE CAN EXPLAIN IT
BETTER THAN I CAN!

THE TELECRATE'S
RECEPTION WAS TOO
GARBLED TO BE
SURE, MAX, BUT I BE-
LIEVE THAT DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK AND HIS
SHADOW-BOTS HAVE
DISCOVERED...



...THE
HIDDEN
CITY OF THE
ANCIENTS!



THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS? I THOUGHT THAT WAS PART OF MOBIAN MYTHOLOGY, UNCLE NATE.

SO DID I... UNTIL I VISITED IT DURING MY GLOBETROTTING DAYS!



AN UNPOLLUTED ECOSYSTEM LIKE THAT NEEDS PROTECTION FROM THE WORLD IN GENERAL, BUT WHERE ROBOTNIK IS CONCERNED...

...IT REQUIRES MUCH, MUCH MORE!



I'M IN TOTAL AGREEMENT, OLD FRIEND-- THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT ROBOTNIK COULD BE COOKING UP THIS TIME!

...AND THE HIDDEN CITY NEEDS TO BE FOREWARNED. I WANT BOTH OF YOU TO DEPART FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.



WE'RE ON IT, YOUR HIGHNESS. Uhh... IS SOMETHING WRONG, SIRE? YOU LOOK KINDA OUT OF IT...



I-I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT ROBOTNIK SPREADING HIS EVIL INFLUENCE, SONIC.

YEAH, BUT--



YOU HAVE QUITE A TRIP AHEAD...

...SO I SUGGEST YOU GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST.

WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THERE'S SOMETHING HE'S NOT TELLING ME?

THE NEXT MORNING...

RISE
AND SHINE,
SLEEPY-
HEAD!

WHY DIDN'T YOU
TELL US THAT YOU
WERE HAVING FRIENDS
OVER FOR BREAKFAST,
SON?

HUH?
WHADDYA MEAN,
MOM N' DAD?

LIKE
WHOAH--WAKIN'
AND BAKIN'!

THAT'S WHAT YOUR
FATHER AND I WERE
TRYING TO TELL YOU, SONIC!
YOUR FELLOW KNOTHOLE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
ARE HERE--

...BUNNY
RABBIT...

...PRINCESS
SALLY ACORN...

--AMY
ROSE...

...MILES
"TAILS"
PROWER...

...AND ANTOINETTE
D'COOLETTE!

WHY'RE YOU
GUYS OVER SO
EARLY, SAL?

WELL, I
FIGURED WE
SHOULD ALL
GET A
NUTRITIOUS
MEAL...

...BEFORE
HEADING OFF TO THE
HIDDEN CITY OF THE
ANCIENTS, SONIC. DAD
HAS REQUESTED WE
ACCOMPANY YOU ON
THIS MISSION.

I KNOW I'M NOT AN OFFICAL FREEDOM FIGHTER...

...BUT CAN I GO TOO? PLEASE?

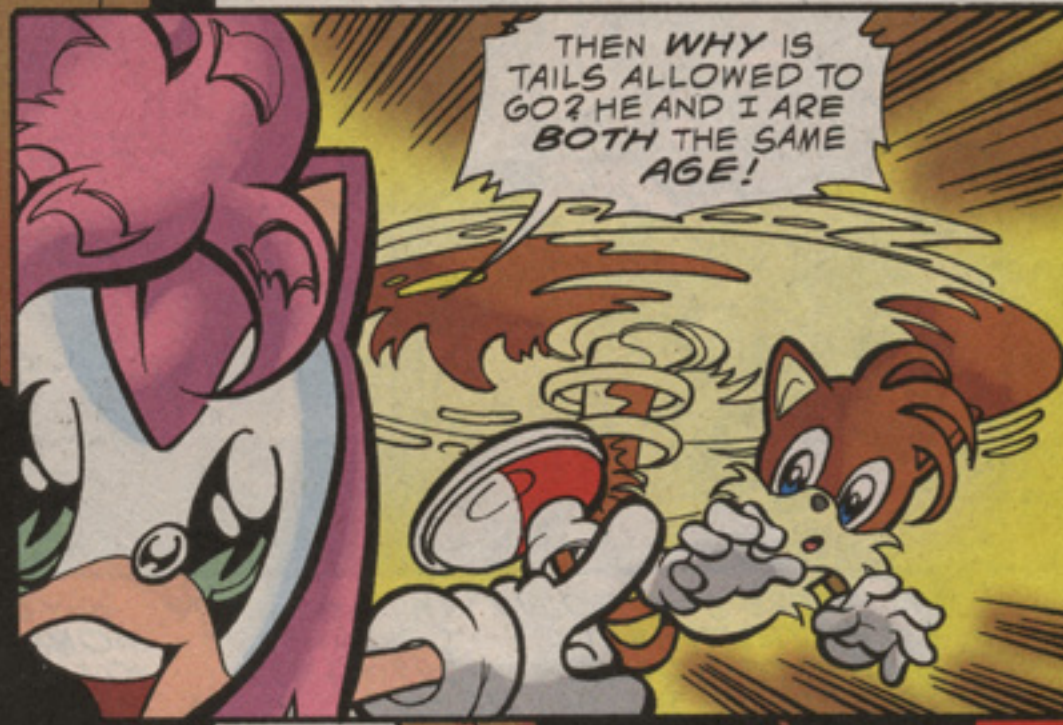
WELL... SEE... THE THING OF IT IS...

YOU'RE FAR TOO YOUNG, AMY -- THIS ADVENTURE COULD BE DANGEROUS!

SORRY TO SAY IT, KIDDO, BUT THE PRINCESS IS RIGHT.



THEN WHY IS TAILS ALLOWED TO GO? HE AND I ARE BOTH THE SAME AGE!



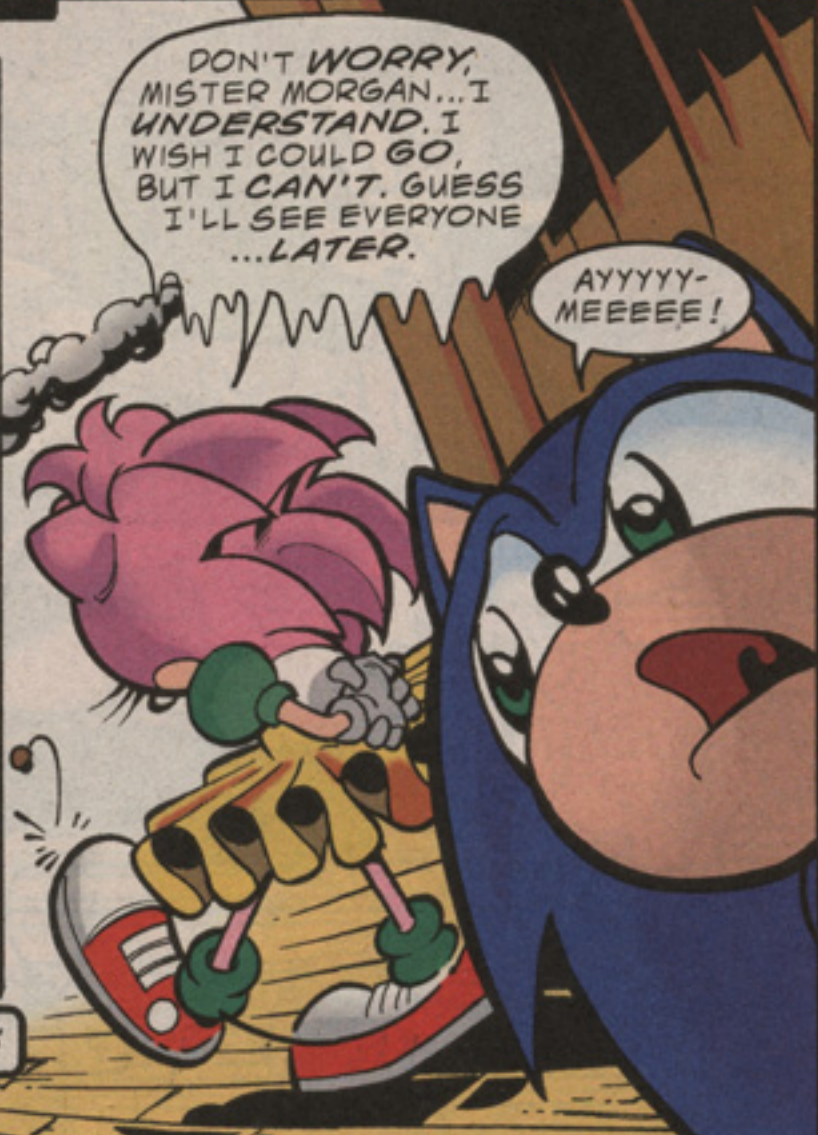
THIS IS TRUE, AMY ROSE, BUT REMEMBER-- TAILS HAS FACED MANY MORE PERILS IN HIS LIFE THAN YOU HAVE.

WHY, HE WAS PIVOTAL IN THE DEFEAT OF THE OTHER-DIMENSIONAL WIZARD, IXIS NAUGUS'. AS A MATTER OF FACT--



DON'T WORRY, MISTER MORGAN... I UNDERSTAND. I WISH I COULD GO, BUT I CAN'T. GUESS I'LL SEE EVERYONE ...LATER.

AYYYYY-MEEEEEE!

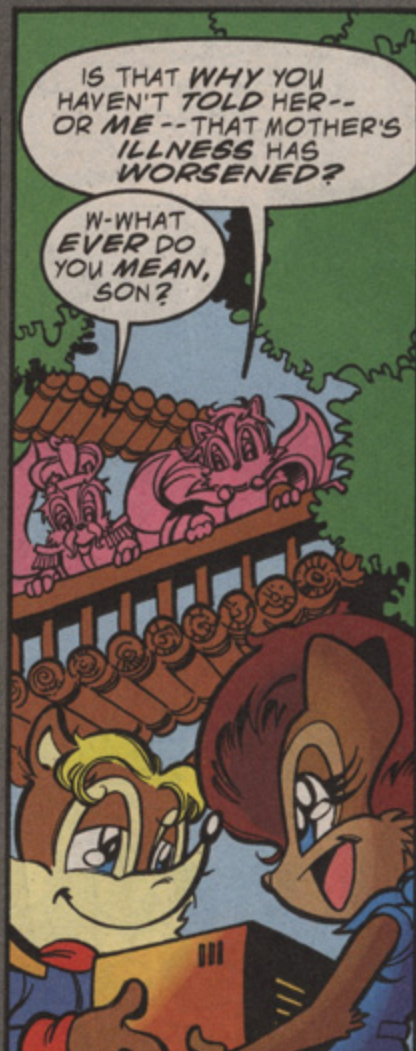




AND WAITING
IN THE WINGS...

YOUR **SISTER**
APPEARS TO BE THE
MOST CAREFREE
I'VE SEEN HER IN
QUITE SOME TIME,
PRINCE ELIAS...

...WHICH IS **GOOD**.
SALLY WILL NEED TO
MAINTAIN HER **FOCUS**
WHILE SHE AND HER
FRIENDS REPRESENT
OUR KINGDOM ON THIS
JOURNEY.



IS THAT **WHY** YOU
HAVEN'T TOLD HER--
OR ME--THAT MOTHER'S
ILLNESS HAS
WORSENERD?

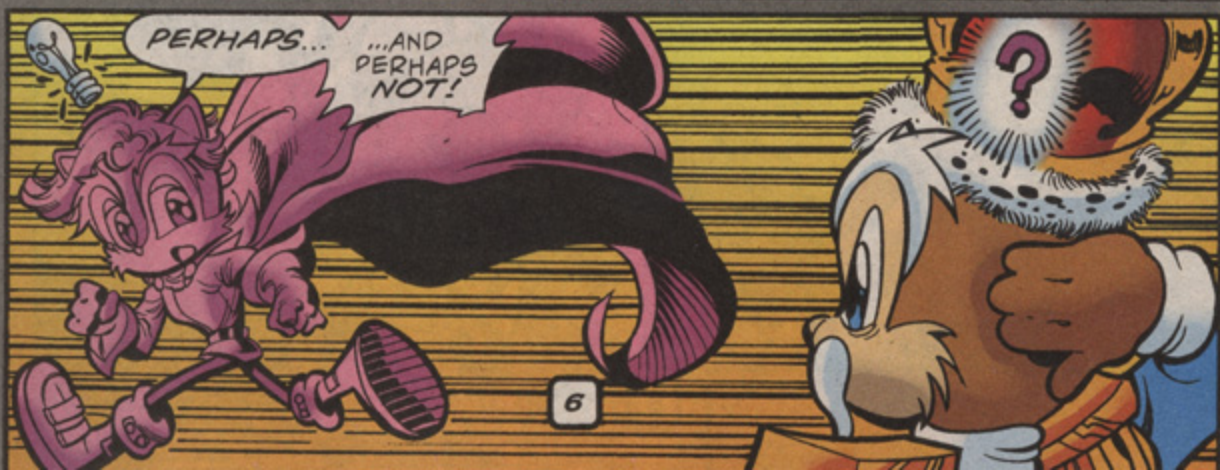
W-WHAT
EVER DO
YOU MEAN,
SON?



THERE'S NO POINT IN HIDING
THE **TRUTH**, FATHER--I OVERHEARD
DOCTOR QUACK INFORMING YOU
OF THE **BAD NEWS**.²

WHY ON
MOBIUS WOULD
YOU KEEP SOME-
THING LIKE THAT
A SECRET?

PERHAPS I
WISHED THE PRINCESS
TO HAVE ANOTHER **WEEK**
WITHOUT WORRY--AFTER ALL,
THE PROBLEM WILL **STILL** BE
HERE WHEN SHE **RETURNS**.



PERHAPS...

...AND
PERHAPS
NOT!

CANT SECONDS
LATER...



I DON'T KNOW
WHY ANYBODY DIDN'T
THINK OF THIS
BEFORE!

THERE IT
IS-- THE ROYAL
RELIQUARY!

IF I REMEMBER
CORRECTLY, THAT'S
WHERE THE MAGICAL
RING OF ACORNS
IS NOW STORED.

ACCORDING TO
NATE, ALL IT RE-
QUIRES IS A WISH
UPON THE RING FROM
SOMEONE TRUE OF
HEART...

...AND THAT
MOBIAN'S GREATEST
DESIRE WILL BE-
COME REALITY.
THERE IS A CURE
FOR MOTHER
AFTER--



-AMY?!



Oh My
GOODNESS!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING
THERE?!

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NEXT ISSUE...

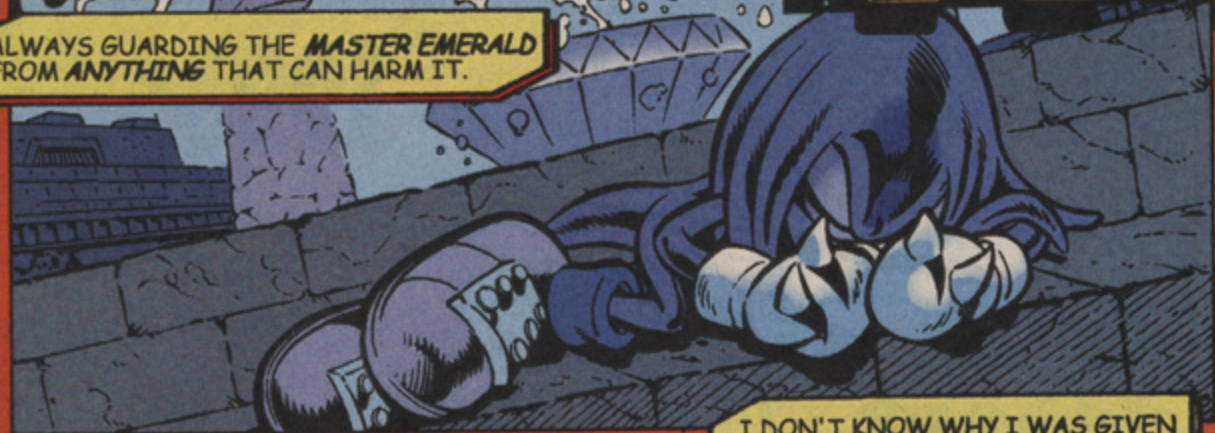
Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!

KRA-KOONOM!

AS FAR AS I CAN REMEMBER, I'VE BEEN LIVING HERE ON THIS *DARK ISLAND*.

ALWAYS GUARDING THE *MASTER EMERALD* FROM *ANYTHING* THAT CAN HARM IT.



I DON'T KNOW WHY I WAS GIVEN THIS JOB, WHY IT IS *MY FATE*--

-- DESTINED TO BE HERE *FOREVER!!!*

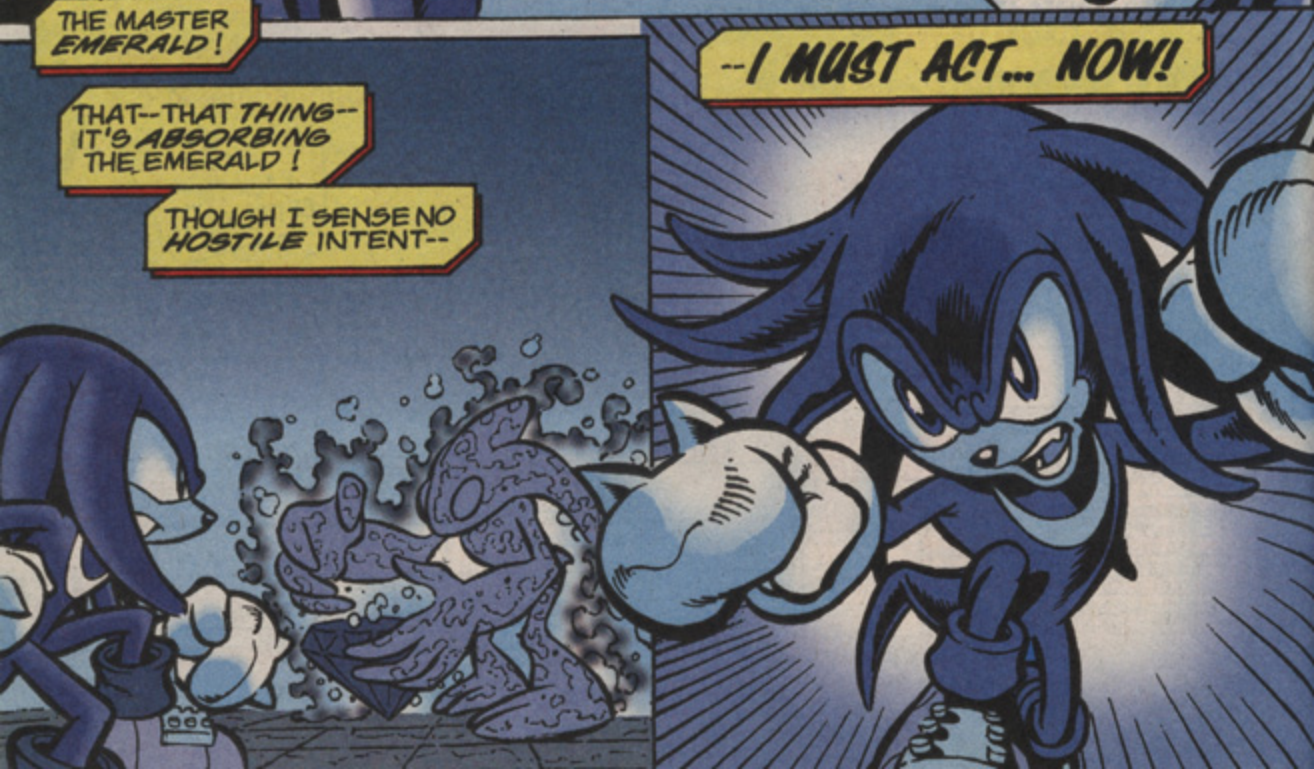
I SENSE *DANGER* DRAWING NEAR!

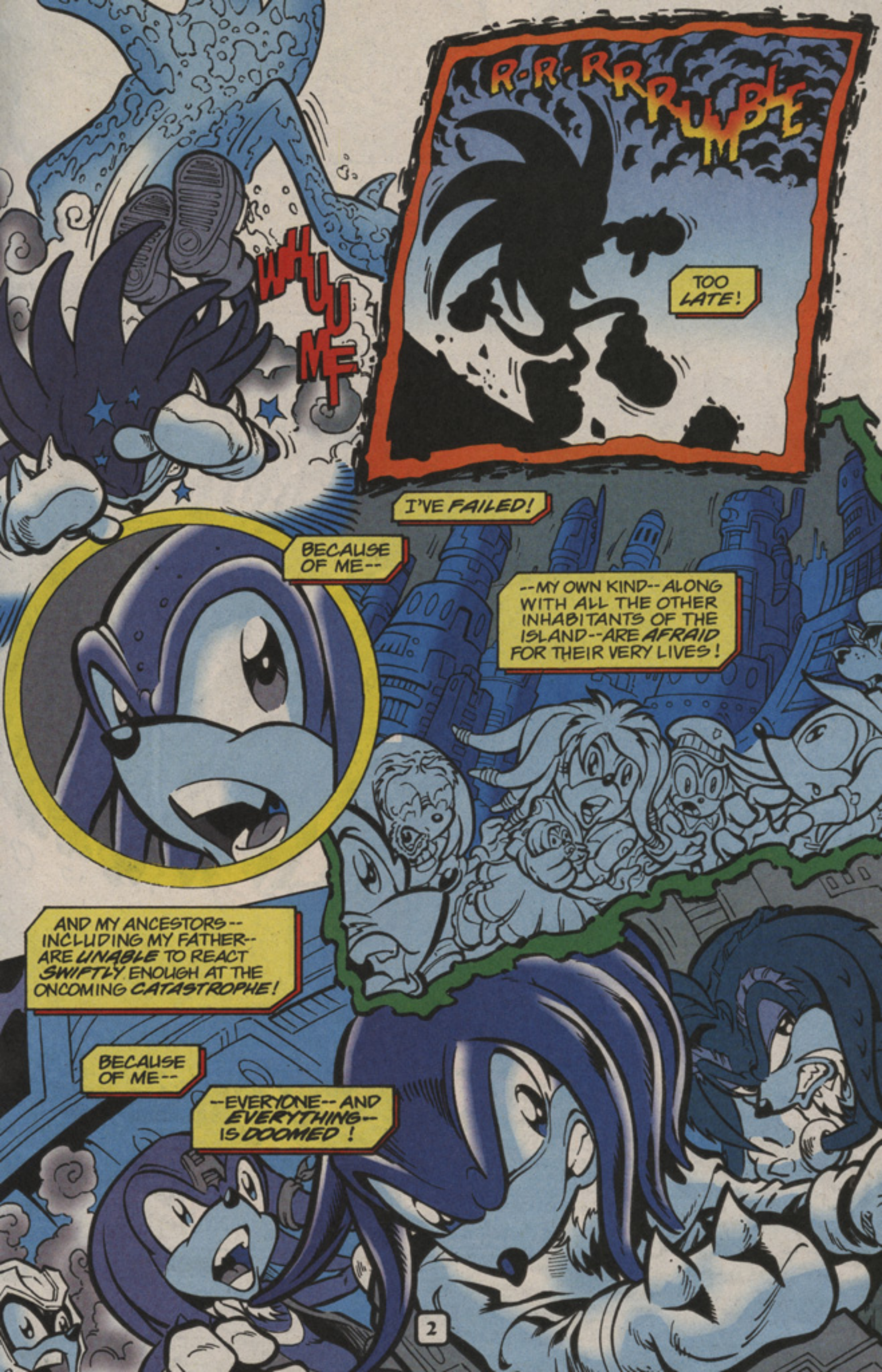
THE *MASTER EMERALD*!

THAT--THAT *THING*-- IT'S *ABSORBING* THE *EMERALD*!

THOUGH I SENSE NO *HOSTILE INTENT*--

--I *MUST ACT... NOW!*





R-R-RR RUMBLE

TOO LATE!

WHUMF

I'VE FAILED!

BECAUSE OF ME--

--MY OWN KIND-- ALONG WITH ALL THE OTHER INHABITANTS OF THE ISLAND-- ARE AFRAID FOR THEIR VERY LIVES!

AND MY ANCESTORS-- INCLUDING MY FATHER-- ARE UNABLE TO REACT SWIFTLY ENOUGH AT THE ONCOMING CATASTROPHE!

BECAUSE OF ME--

--EVERYONE-- AND EVERYTHING-- IS DOOMED!

WITHOUT THE MASTER
EMERALD'S POWER --

-- THIS WHOLE
ISLAND WILL FALL
INTO THE OCEAN!

NUCKLES / **N**
THE ECHIDNA

THE CHAOS FACER

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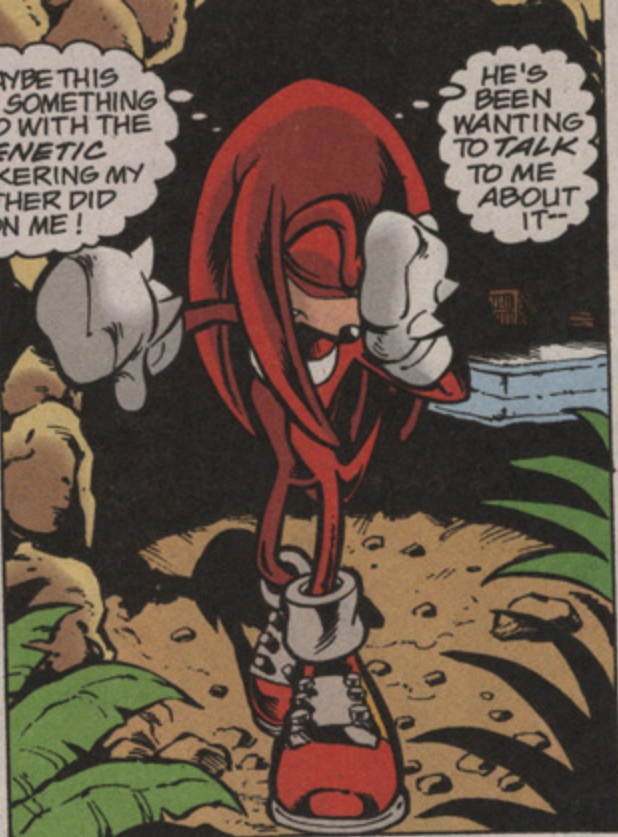
EEYAAHH!!



WHAT IS IT WITH THE DREAMS?

EVERY NIGHT FOR OVER A WEEK I KEEP SEEING THE SAME IMAGES!

MAYBE THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE GENETIC TINKERING MY FATHER DID ON ME!

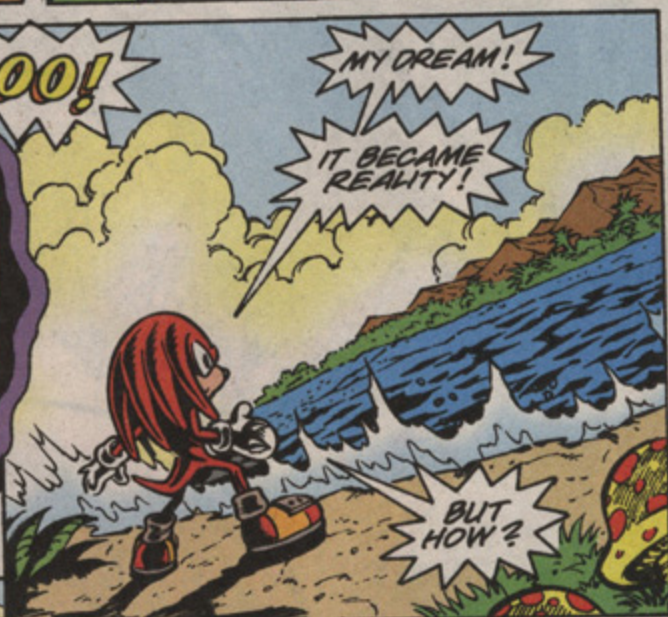


HE'S BEEN WANTING TO TALK TO ME ABOUT IT--



--EVER SINCE SALLY--

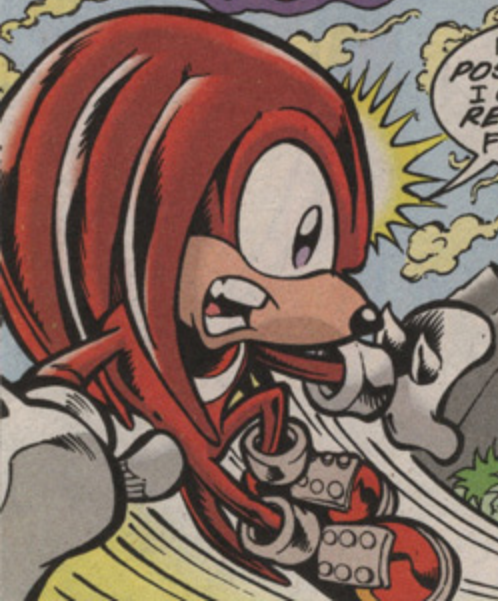
NOOOO!



MY DREAM!

IT BECAME REALITY!

BUT HOW?



IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE THAT I COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?

I NEED ANSWERS-- AND MY ONLY HOPE OF GETTING ANY--

--IS WITH MY DAD, BACK IN HAVEN...

ONCE AGAIN--
ROBOTNIK STANDS
AT THE THRESHOLD
OF GREATNESS!

WITH THOSE
SEVEN SHARDS
FROM THE
MASTER CHAOS
EMERALD--

--THE GREATEST
LIVING WEAPON
IMAGINABLE WILL
BE MINE TO CONTROL
AND COMMAND!

"IT'S IRONIC TO THINK HOW
IT ALL BEGAN WITH AN
OBSCURE DIGITAL FILE
AN EARLIER VERSION
OF MYSELF HAD OVERLOOKED..."

THIS IS
ODD!

THE
INFORMATION
DOESN'T
APPEAR TO BE
CATALOGUED OR
CLASSIFIED!

ASTOUNDING!

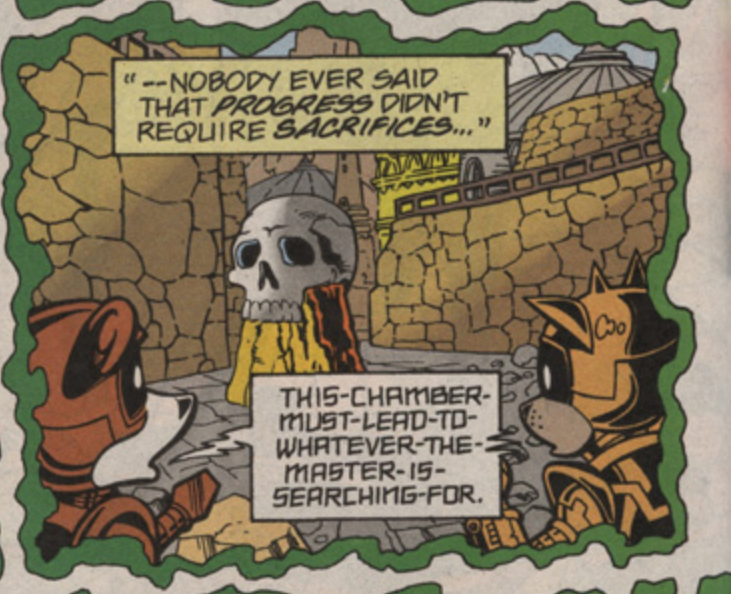
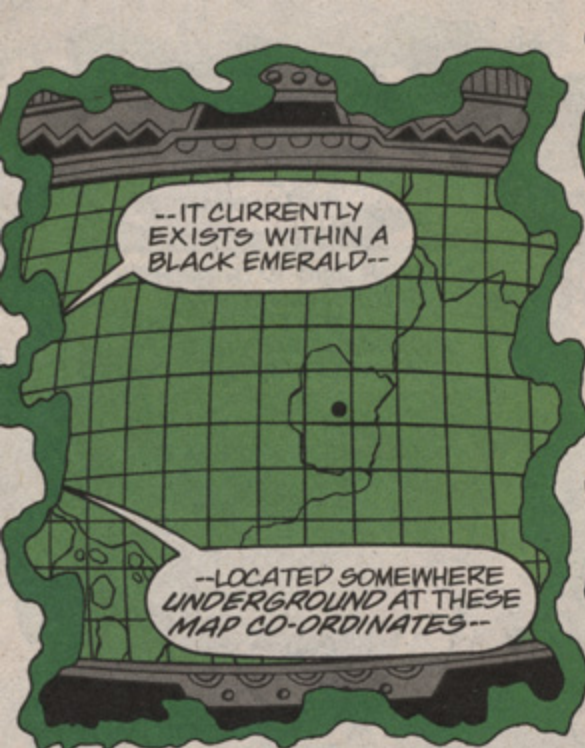
IT APPEARS
TO BE A DIAGRAM--
OF THE MOST
AMAZING CREATURE
I HAVE EVER
BEHELD--

--EXCEPT
FOR MYSELF,
NATURALLY!

ACCORDING TO
THE MARKINGS, THIS
CREATURE IS
KNOWN AS PERFECT
CHAOS--

--AN
ENTITY
COMPOSED OF
LIVING
WATER!

HOWEVER--





SOMETHING'S
WRONG!

THAT'S LESS
THAN PERFECT
CHAOS!

IT LOOKS
WEAK--
ANEMIC!

EVEN IN ITS
WEAKENED CONDITION,
IT'S DELIBERATELY
HEADING DOWN THIS
CORRIDOR--



--TO THIS
WALL!

IT'S
ANOTHER
DIAGRAM--
WITH EVEN
MORE EXPLICIT
MARKINGS!

AHA!
SO THAT'S
THE
PROBLEM!



ACCORDING TO
MY MULTI-OPTION
ANALYZER--

--PERFECT CHAOS
REQUIRES SEVEN POWER
EMERALDS TO RESTORE IT TO
FULL FUNCTIONALITY!



AND THERE'S
ONLY ONE PLACE
ON ALL OF MOBILIS
WHERE I WILL FIND
WHAT PERFECT CHAOS
NEEDS--

"--THE FLOATING
ISLAND!"

WE-WAIT-FOR-
YOUR-NEXT-
COMMAND-
MASTER!



"NOW THAT WE HAVE
THE FLOATING ISLAND
DEAD IN OUR SIGHTS--

--WE ATTACK!

A CITY?

WHERE DID
THIS COME
FROM?!

NO MATTER!
DESTROY ANY
WHO STAND IN
OUR WAY!

"ASTONISHING! ACCORDING TO
THE DATA BANKS, THE GUARDIAN
OF THIS ISLE IS SUPPOSEDLY THE
ONLY ECHIDNA KNOWN TO EXIST!

"YET, I WITNESS
AN ENTIRE RACE
TAKING TO THE
STREETS IN
RETALIATION!

OBVIOUSLY, A LOT OF INFORMATION
I HAVE ON THIS GRAVITY-DEFYING
MUDBALL IS OUT OF DATE!

SO
LONG AS OUR
OBJECTIVE
STILL
REMAINS
WHERE LAST
RECORDED--

--THAT'S ALL
THAT MATTERS
TO ME!

WHAT'S THIS?
AN ENERGY
BARRIER?

COULD OUR
INTENTIONS
HAVE BEEN
ANTICIPATED?

IN ANY EVENT,
I SHAN'T BE
STOPPED!

--MY
SHADOWBOTS
WILL BE ABLE TO
GAIN ACCESS
VIA THE
QUICKEST MEANS
AVAILABLE!

BY MERELY PINPOINTING
THE POINTS WHERE THE ENERGY
FLUCTUATIONS RENDER THE
BARRIER WEAKEST--

ZZRAAAT!
ZZRAAAT!

BHAA

THUUM!

AT LONG
LAST!

THE PRIZE
THAT HAS ELUDED
SO MANY FOR
SO LONG IS NOW
MINE!

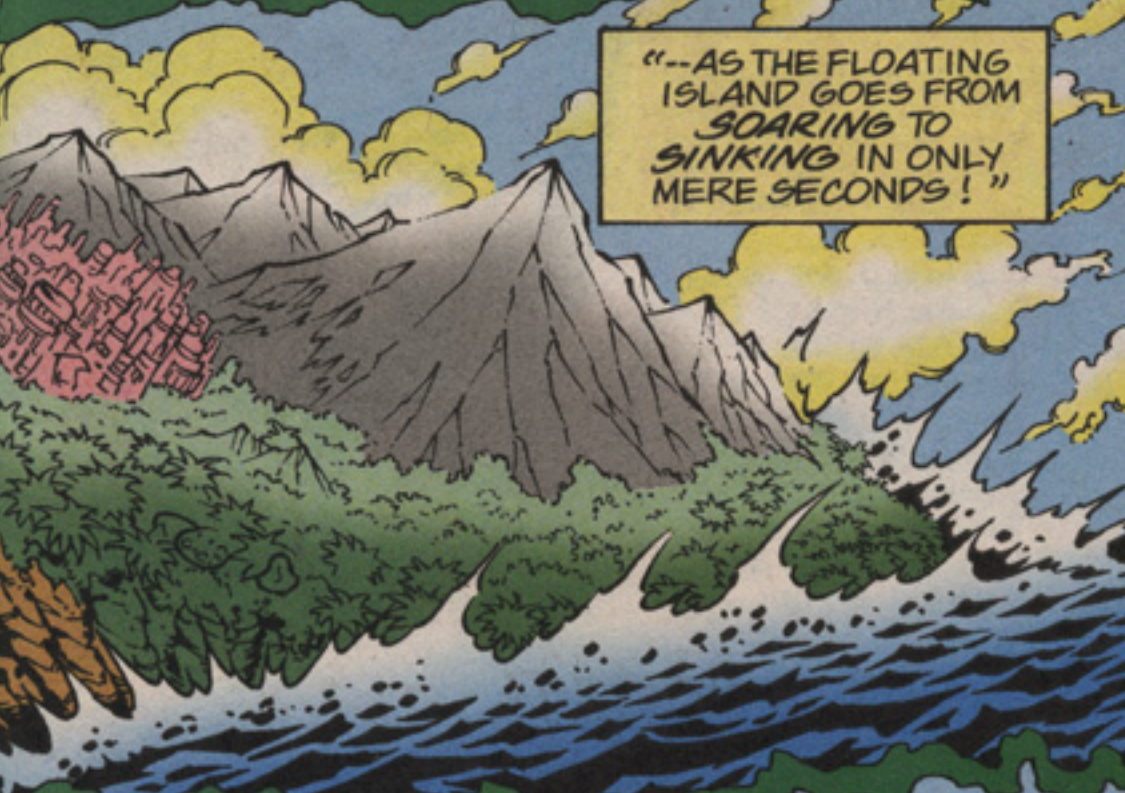
WITH THIS POWER,
PERFECT CHAOS CAN
NOW BE GIVEN FORM
AND SUBSTANCE--



"-- AND ALL IT COST
WAS THE LIVES OF
A FEW NOBODIES--"

"-- PLUS A BIT
OF FANCY
REAL ESTATE--"

"-- HOWEVER, I DON'T HAVE TO
TAKE THE ENTIRE EMERALD,
BLOWING IT TO BITS
SHOULD PROVIDE ME WITH
THE PIECES I NEED--"



"-- AS THE FLOATING
ISLAND GOES FROM
SOARING TO
SINKING IN ONLY
MERE SECONDS! "



NOW THAT'S
WHAT I CALL A
TRADE-OFF!

HAVING
GOTTEN
WHAT
I CAME
FOR--



--IT'S TIME
FOR STAGE
TWO!

WITH THE DESTRUCTION
OF THE MASTER EMERALD,
A STRANGE ENERGY PATTERN
EMERGES AND TAKES SHAPE...



FUH-FUH-
FREE!

TO BE CONTINUED
NEXT ISSUE...

THE NIGHT GROWS LONG AS EAGER LISTENERS STAY TO HEAR THE TALE OF EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE WORLD THEY NOW INHABIT...

SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT--

SIR CHARLES INVENTED THE ROBOTICIZER FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES--

--WHICH PROMPTED HIS DECISION TO **SAVE** HIS BROTHER--

--BUT UNKNOWN TO HIM, WARLORD JULIAN HAD SABOTAGED HIS DEVICE!

SO WHY DIDN'T HE WORK TO FIND A SOLUTION INSTEAD OF GIVING UP IN DESPAIR?

I WAS NEVER AS CLOSE TO CHARLES AS MOST PEOPLE THOUGHT, SO TO ME, HIS ACTIONS SEEMED VERY MUCH IN CHARACTER.

FOR JULES' SAKE, THOUGH, I FELT I NEEDED TO CONVINCE CHARLES THAT HE HAD TO AT LEAST TRY!

TALES OF THE GREAT WAR THE CONCLUSION LIFE UNDER-GROUND

IT'S NO USE, BERNIE! I'M A FAILURE-- PLAIN AND SIMPLE!

ANYTHING I DO NOW COULD ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE!

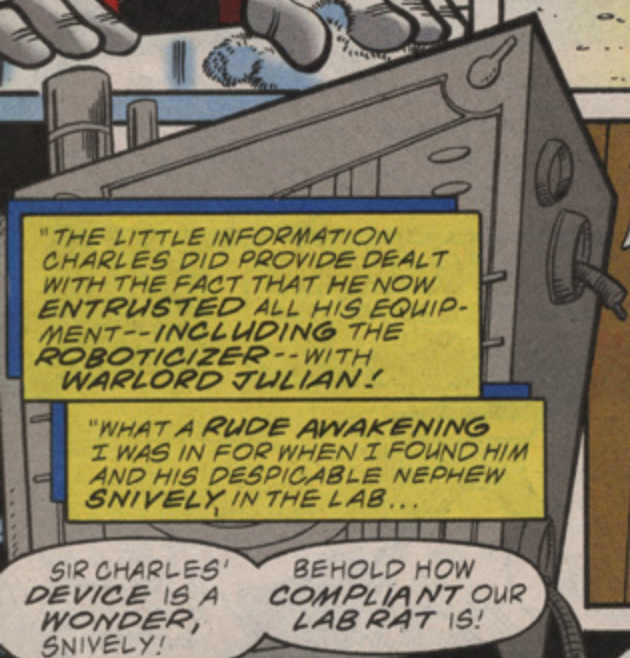
AND IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING, JULES HAS NO HOPE AT ALL!

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AND IF I TRY TO RECTIFY THINGS--

--WHO'S TO SAY I CAN EVEN SAVE MY BROTHER?

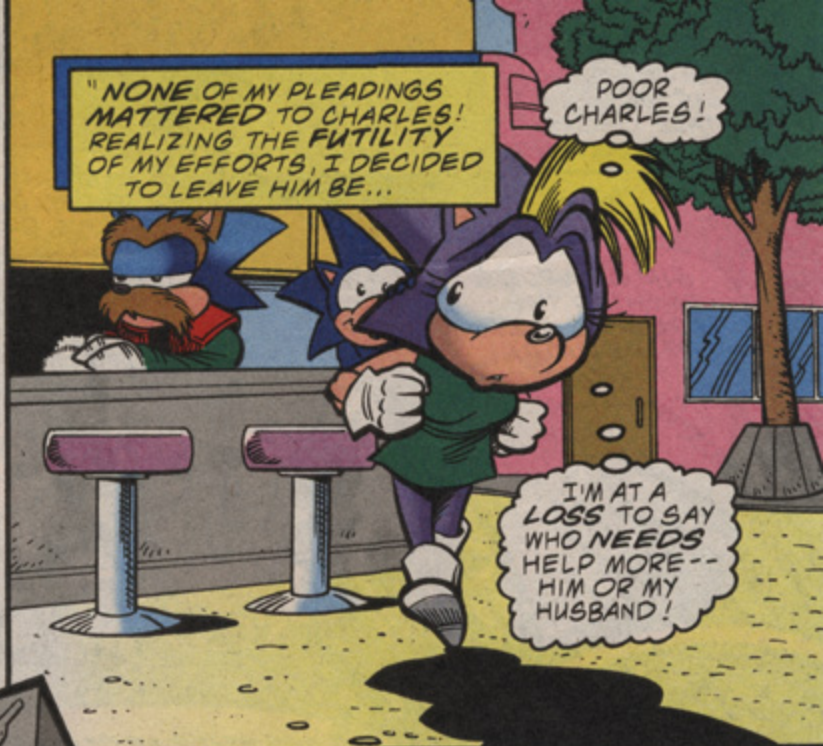
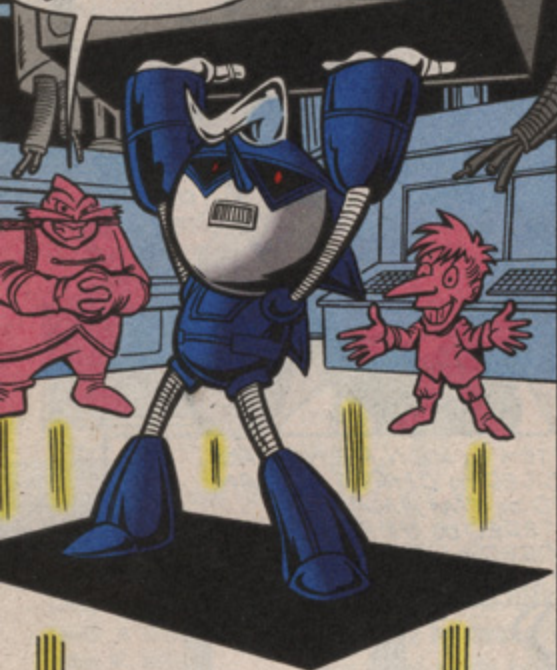


"THE LITTLE INFORMATION CHARLES DID PROVIDE DEALT WITH THE FACT THAT HE NOW ENTRUSTED ALL HIS EQUIPMENT--INCLUDING THE ROBOTICIZER--WITH WARLORD JULIAN!"

"WHAT A RUDE AWAKENING I WAS IN FOR WHEN I FOUND HIM AND HIS DESPICABLE NEPHEW SNIVELY IN THE LAB..."

SIR CHARLES' DEVICE IS A WONDER, SNIVELY!

BEHOLD HOW COMPLIANT OUR LAB RAT IS!



"NONE OF MY PLEADINGS MATTERED TO CHARLES! REALIZING THE FUTILITY OF MY EFFORTS, I DECIDED TO LEAVE HIM BE..."

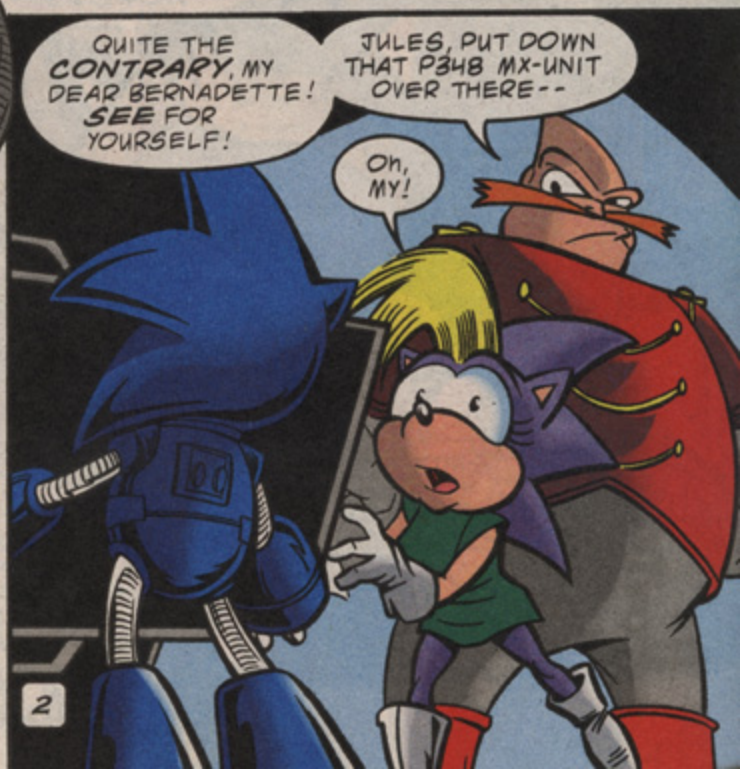
POOR CHARLES!

I'M AT A LOSS TO SAY WHO NEEDS HELP MORE-- HIM OR MY HUSBAND!



JUST WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, JULIAN!

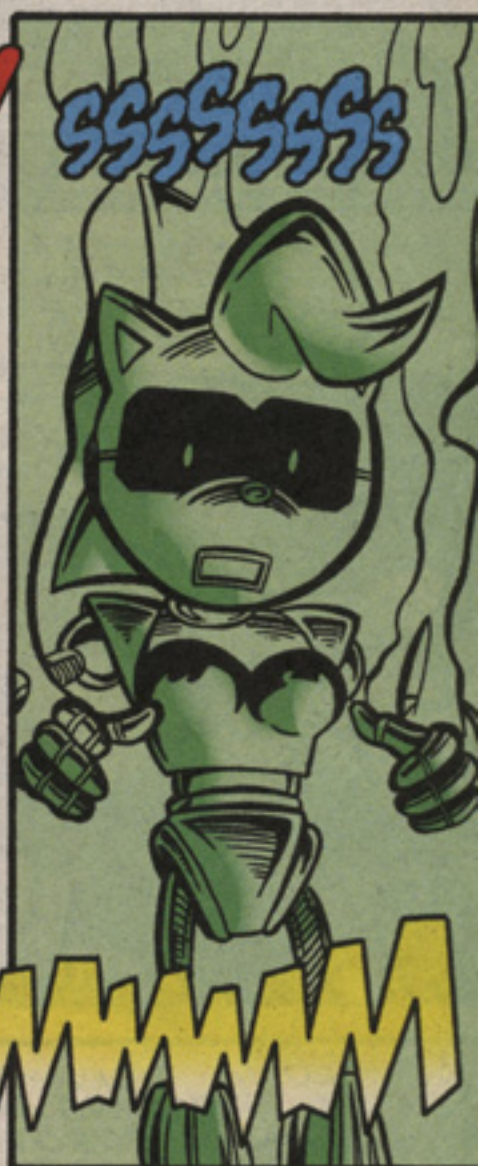
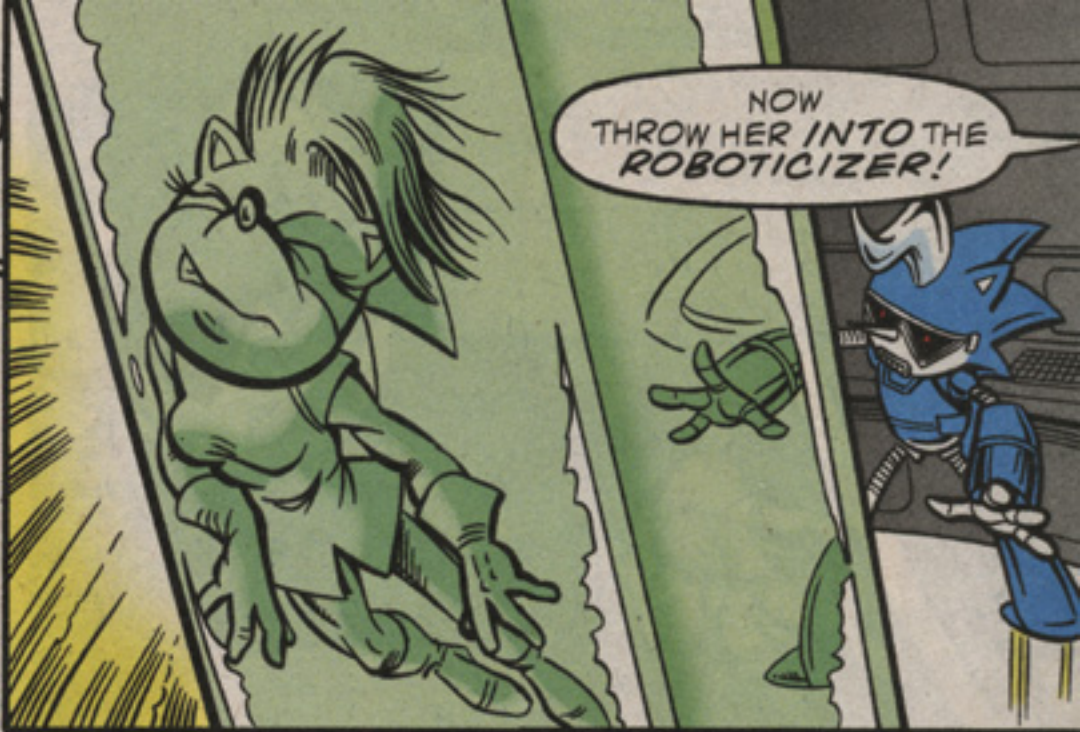
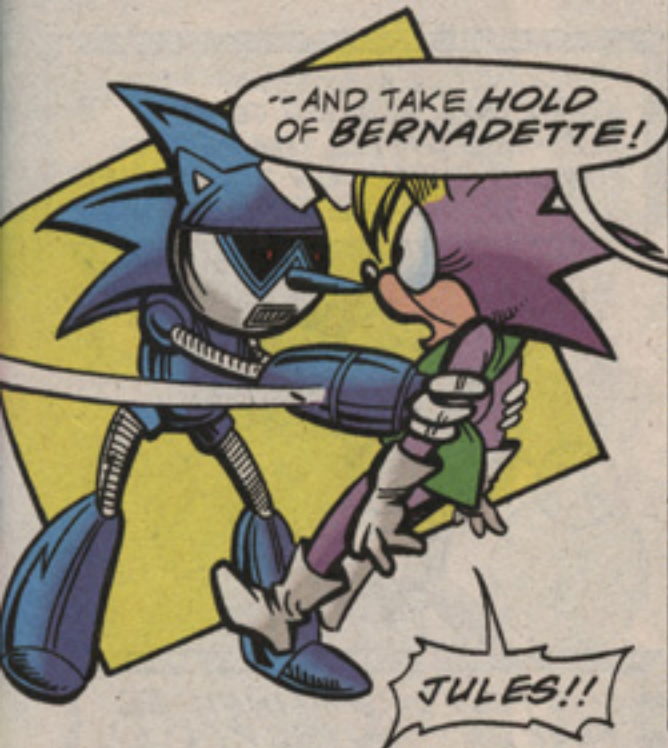
MY HUSBAND IS NOT SOME MINDLESS PUPPET FOR YOU TO EXPERIMENT ON!!



QUITE THE CONTRARY, MY DEAR BERNADETTE! SEE FOR YOURSELF!

JULES, PUT DOWN THAT P348 MX-UNIT OVER THERE--

Oh, MY!



"--IF YOU WOKE UP ONE MORNING TO DISCOVER YOUR WHOLE WORLD DRASTICALLY ALTERED?"

"SOON AFTER CHARLES REGAINED HIS FREE WILL¹ HE PAID ME A VISIT..."

HERE, JULES!
GRAB ONTO THIS
POWER RING!

"I DON'T REMEMBER
FEELING PAIN OR JOY OR
ANYTHING UNTIL THAT
MOMENT, BUT ONCE I LATCHED
ONTO THE RING--"

"--I FELT LIKE MY INSIDES
WERE GETTING KICKED IN!"

"REGAINING MY SENSES,
I COULD SEE THE FIGURE
STANDING BEFORE ME WAS
VAGUELY FAMILIAR..."

DON'T YOU
RECOGNIZE YOUR
OWN BROTHER?

"I WAS AFRAID
YOU'D ASK!"

"WHEN SHE SUDDENLY
DISAPPEARED, I WENT
LOOKING FOR HER, BUT
EVERY ROAD LED TO A
DEAD END..."

I WAS TOLD
YOU WERE THE
LAST ONE
WHO SAW MY
SISTER-IN-LAW,
JULIAN!

NOT LOOKING
THROUGH THESE EYES
I DON'T!

WHERE'S
BERNIE? SHE'S
NOT... LIKE US, IS
SHE?

INDEED
I WAS!

I CAUGHT HER
FOOLING AROUND WITH
THE ROBOTICIZER--

--BUT I WAS
TOO LATE TO
SAVE HER FROM
HER OWN
IGNORANCE!

"WRACKED WITH
GUILT, CHARLES
FOUND THE
DEMANDS OF
PARENTING
EVEN MORE
DAUNTING..."

HOW CAN I
TELL SONIC I'M
THE ONE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE LOSS OF
HIS PARENTS?



YOU
MENTIONED
SONIC!

WHERE
IS HE NOW?
IS HE ALL
RIGHT?



HE'S FINE!
HE'S BECOME
QUITE A LEADER,
YOUR SON!

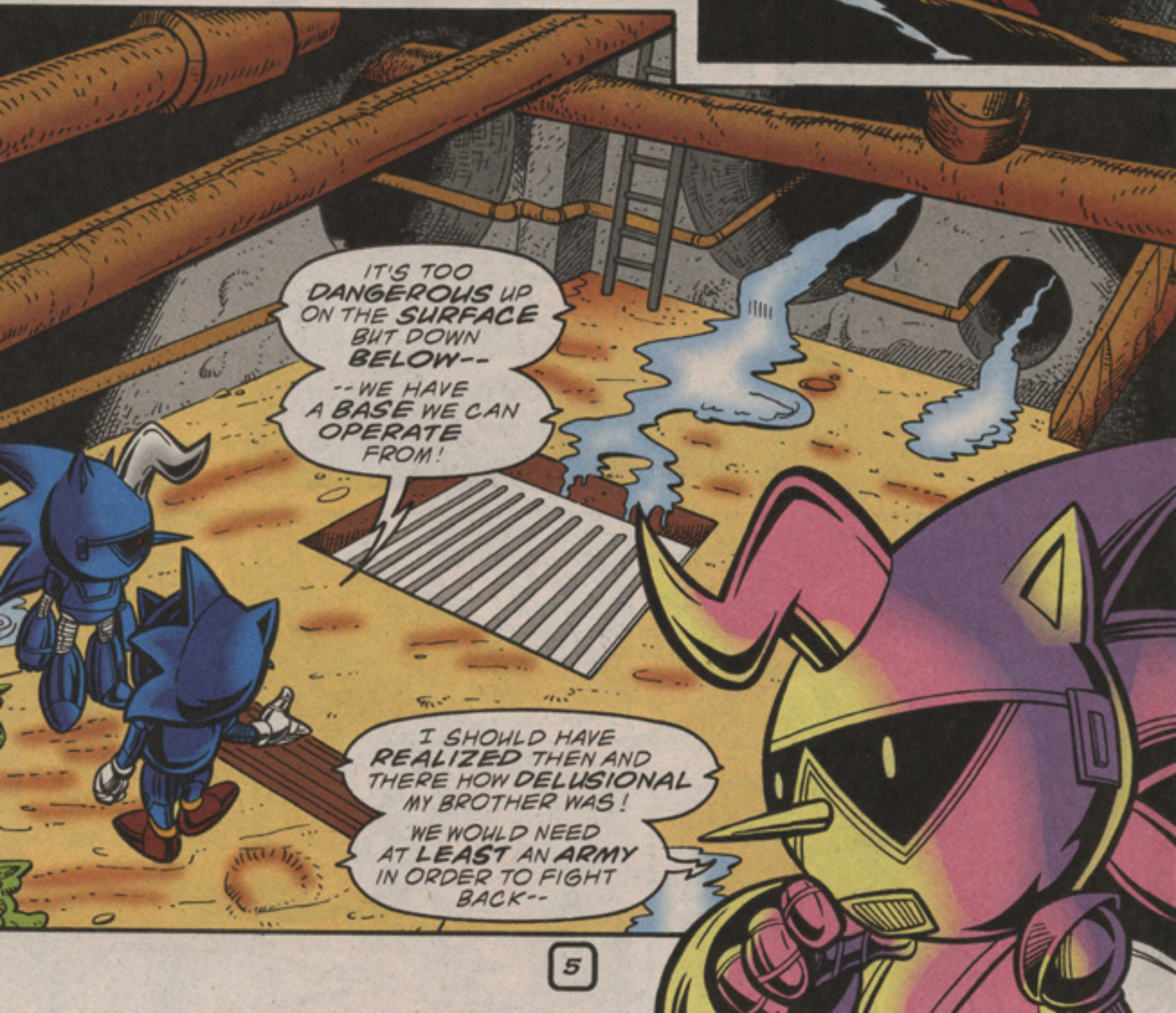
I THINK
YOU'LL BE VERY
PROUD OF ALL
HE'S ACCOM-
PLISHED!

NOW,
C'MON--



--THERE'S A
LOT OF WORK
THAT NEEDS OUR
ATTENTION!

DOWN
HERE?! IN THE
SEWERS?!



IT'S TOO
DANGEROUS UP
ON THE SURFACE
BUT DOWN
BELOW--

--WE HAVE
A BASE WE CAN
OPERATE
FROM!

I SHOULD HAVE
REALIZED THEN AND
THERE HOW DELUSIONAL
MY BROTHER WAS!

WE WOULD NEED
AT LEAST AN ARMY
IN ORDER TO FIGHT
BACK--

"--WHILE THE BEST WE
COULD MUSTER WAS ONLY
A MERE HANDFUL!"

RUDYARD!

GET
DOWN HERE
BEFORE THE
'BOTS CATCH
YOU!

WHATEVER
HAPPENED TO
"LADIES
FIRST?"

BERNIE!
I
THOUGHT--

YOU
THOUGHT
WHAT?

THAT YOU'D
NEVER SEE ME
AGAIN?

MEN!
DON'T YOU
KNOW--

YOU'RE
MY WORLD,
JULES-- YOU
AND OUR
SON!

AND I'LL DO
ANYTHING TO KEEP
US TOGETHER!

SPEAKING
OF SONIC--

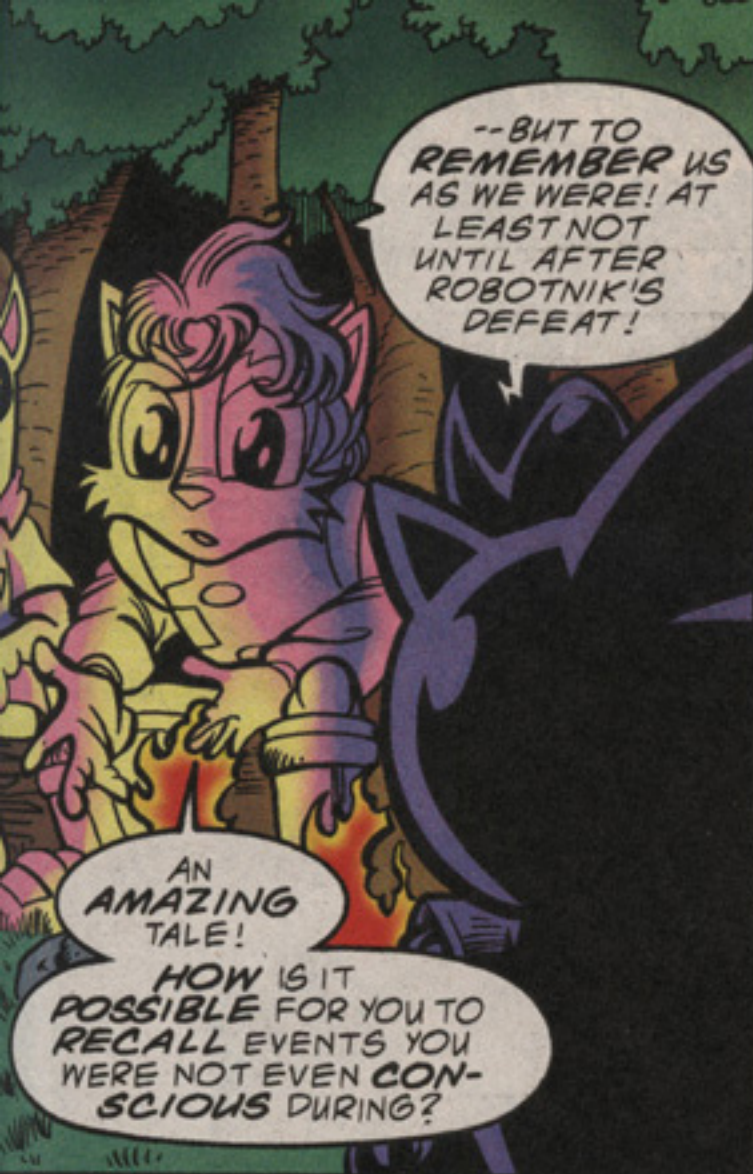
DOES HE
KNOW ABOUT US,
CHARLES?

I'VE TOLD THE BOY
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING,
JULES!

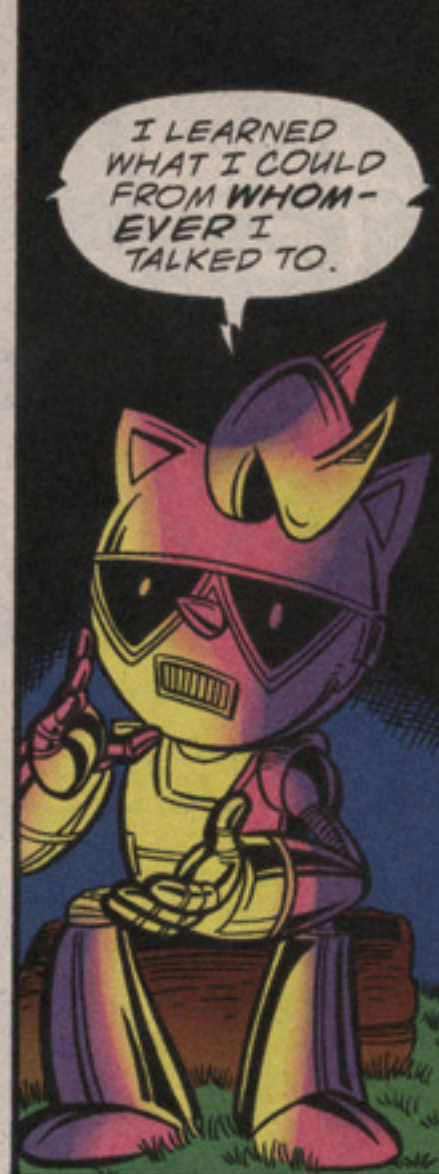
HE'S BEEN
UNDER ROSIE'S
CARE EVER SINCE
ROBOTNIK TOOK
OVER TEN YEARS
AGO.

IF YOU
WANT, I CAN
TELL HIM I'VE
FREED YOUR
MINDS WITH
POWER
RINGS!

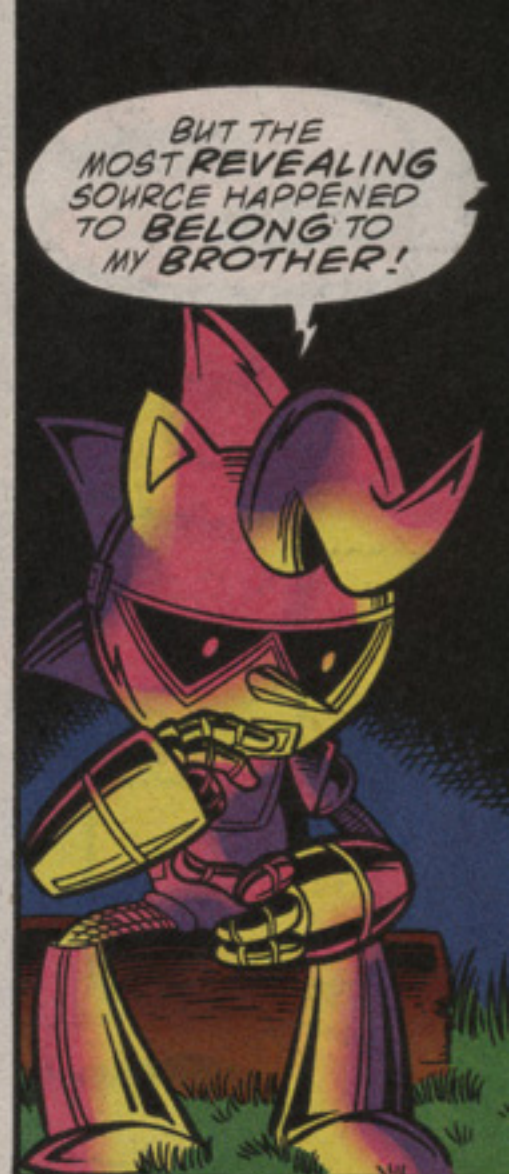
"WE DECIDED IN
THE END IT
WOULD BE BETTER
FOR SONIC NOT
TO SEE US IN OUR
PRESENT CON-
DITION--"



--BUT TO REMEMBER US AS WE WERE! AT LEAST NOT UNTIL AFTER ROBOTNIK'S DEFEAT!



I LEARNED WHAT I COULD FROM WHOM-EVER I TALKED TO.



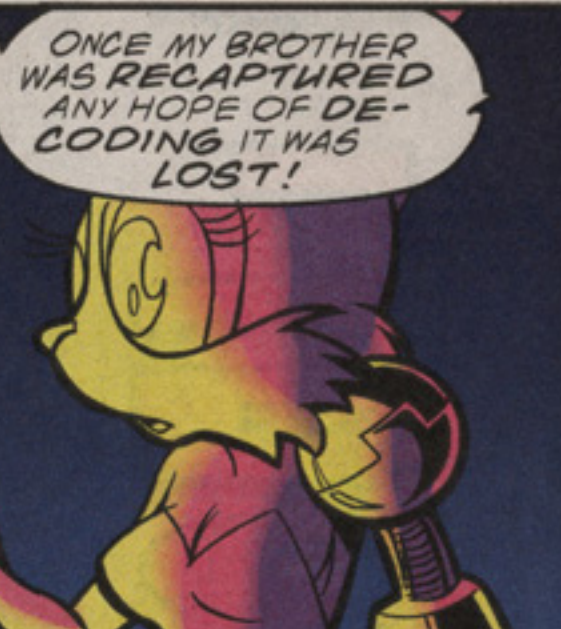
BUT THE MOST REVEALING SOURCE HAPPENED TO BELONG TO MY BROTHER!



CHARLES RECORDED HIS JOURNALS ON ZIP DISKS SUCH AS THE ONE I'M NOW HOLDING!



THIS DISK IN PARTICULAR COULD BE THE ANSWER TO MANY THINGS STILL LEFT UNANSWERED!



ONCE MY BROTHER WAS RECAPTURED ANY HOPE OF DE-CODING IT WAS LOST!



MAYBE FOR NOW, DEAR SIR--
--BUT TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY!

AND WITH THAT, WE CONCLUDE TALES FROM THE GREAT WAR! BUT DON'T GO AWAY, GANG! NEXT ISSUE, GET READY FOR MORE

SONIC ADVENTURE

SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL

by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

THIS JUST IN!

HERE IT IS! The much-publicized "SONIC ADVENTURE" storyline! We had a huge juggling act to do since we had to take the game's storyline and somehow meld it into our own continuity. This, while trying to keep faithful to both. For all you gamers picking up the book for the first time, write in and let us know what you think. Hey, same thing goes for our long-time readers who have gone through Sonic's many adaptations over the years.



On to other stuff... last issue reprinted the Off-Panel strip from Sonic #76. Why? Because you demanded it! No, just kidding! Actually, that was a printing problem. It happens. Sorry. In case you missed the last issue, please note that the e-mail address will now be: soniccolumn@archiecomics.com. Second, as mentioned on page 6 of the first story, the Sonic comics have decided to change the footnote rule for your reading pleasure. Rather than have an asterisk direct you to a footnote reference at the bottom of the panel, footnote numbers will show up. These numbers will correspond to footnote references to be found in the letters page. This will free up the visuals from extra captions. It will also allow the story to flow better since you're not forced to read the footnote at every turn. Instead, you can wait to find out afterwards if you're interested. As I asked of you last issue, I'd like to hear your thoughts on how well you like this approach, as well as some other things (like the book's new look, etc). That's it for this month, so until then...

J.F. GABRIE

EDITOR / ART DIRECTOR

Catch you on the flip side!

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited. Thanks for understanding!

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Footnote References:

1) **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**
#64-66.

2) See last issue.

3) A shrine for keeping
and displaying relics.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Next Month: **THE OFFICIAL GAME ADAPTATION OF THE NEW SEGA DREAMCAST'S "SONIC ADVENTURE" CONTINUES!** In the first story, as Sonic and the Freedom Fighters make their preparations to go to the mysterious Hidden City of The Ancients, something happens to Amy Rose! Story & Art by Bollers, Fry & Pepoy. The second story stars Knuckles as he deals with the consequences of the fallen island! Story & Art by Penders, Butler and Eklund. Also included, the introduction of Big The Cat and his pal Froggy in "Swallowing Trouble!" All this in the next exciting issue of **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!**

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #80 on sale late November 1999!



Re: **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #75**

The vote is in on "I Am The Eggman," featuring the return of Doctor Robotnik (well, sort of...), and it seems we've got a winner on our hands! Check it out:

Dear Sonic-Grams,

I just got **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #75**, and I'd like to say, "Thanks for the heart attack!" Robo-Robotnik! I'm still in shock! You should've given everyone a free heart jump before you pulled that one. I'm surprised that Snively is good now. Oh boy! And I want to tell Sonic that I'm happy he has his family back. And to King Acorn, hey, you've got guts! I checked out Fry's artwork and I love it. I also want to thank all Sonic fans for keeping our favorite hedgehog alive. On with the questions: 1) How is Rotor doing in finding his parents? 2) Can you please give Tails his own regular series? You guys rock! I'd like other fans to write to me.

Amanda S.
(age 15)

2996 Woodford Dr.
West Bend, WI 53090

Glad you liked the issue, Amanda. We love Fry's artwork, too! 1) Rotor's quest is the subject of an upcoming story. 2) There are no plans for a Tails solo title, but if enough fans request it, who knows?

Dear Sonic-Grams,

SONIC #75 is the best issue you've made. I like the new Shadow-Bots. I

liked the ending. I have a few questions: 1) Is Robo-Robotnik the villain now? 2) Will Ixis Naugus be back? 3) What kind of animal is Princess Sally? 4) Will Knuckles be in the comic anytime soon?

Ross Sidor
(age 12)
Norridge, IL

1) Robo-Robotnik is now the regular villain, but don't rule out other menaces! 2) No time soon. 3) Sally is a half-squirrel (from her father's side), hence the name "Acorn." 4) Sooner than you think, Ross! Keep reading...

Dear Sonic,

Your 75th issue was exceptionally wonderful and surprising. You sure were right- the comic has plenty of surprises. I'm satisfied now that the question of Robotnik's fate has been laid to rest. I'm sad to see that he is truly dead, but I look forward to the adventures of Sonic fighting against Robo-Robotnik.

Garrett Noble
(age 13)
Jerseyville, IL

Thanks, Garrett! We're looking forward to them as well!

Dear Sonic-Grams,

Issue #75 was a blast! Robo-Robotnik seems like a stupid jerk. I have some questions: 1) How long was Pam Eklund working for you before she stopped? 2) When, if ever, are all of the Robians-- or

at least Uncle Chuck, Muttski, and Sonic's parents going to be derobotized? 3) Will #100 be the last issue? Even if it isn't, could you give a hint to the ending?

Kim Bratton
(age 17)
Citrus Heights, CA

1) Pam hasn't stopped working for us, Kim. Her inks are a big part of what makes our **KNUCKLES** series so eye-pleasing! 2) When a way is found to reverse the process. 3) Don't count on it! Hinting ruins the surprise, don't you think?

Hey, everybody!

SONIC #75 was spectacular! Issue #50 changed everything, and now, so has #75. It was a dramatic and effective way of setting the stage for the next chapter in the lives of the Mobians. Great job, guys, and here's to issue #100 and beyond!

Reanna King
(age 16)
Eau Claire, WI

We appreciate the kind words, Reanna! Glad you're along for the ride!

We appreciate your comments on **SONIC #75**. See you in thirty as we review **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #76**. And remember...

KEEP ON JUICIN'!

Cover by Patrick Spaziente and Harvey Mercadoocasio. Colors and separations by Josh D. Ray.

A close-up illustration of Sonic the Hedgehog. He is shown from the chest up, facing slightly to the left but looking directly at the viewer with a confident, smug expression. His right hand is raised, with his index finger pointing directly forward. He has his signature blue quills, large green eyes, and a wide, toothy grin. The background consists of abstract, swirling blue and yellow shapes.

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